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SUBJ: INDIAN DELEGATION TO THE UN

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1. BELOW IS BIO DATA ON INDIAN DELEGATES WHO WILL JOIN FOREIGN MINISTER CHAVAN AND PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE JAIPAL AT THE UN. REFTTEL CONTAINS BIO DATA ON DELEGATE MAYA RAY.

2. KEWAL SINGH, FOREIGN SECRETARY: MR. SINGH, 59, SERVED ABROAD AS AMBASSADOR THE THE USSR (1966-68) AND TO WEST GERMANY (1970-72). AS SECRETARY (WEST) IN THE FOREIGN MINISTRY DURING 1968-70, HE WAS THE CAREER DIPLOMAT NEXT IN RANK TO FOREIGN SECRETARY T.N. KAUL AND HANDLED THE EUROPE, UK, AFRICA, WEST ASIA, PAKISTAN AND PROTOCOL DIVISIONS. SINGH WAS EDUCATED AT OXFORD. HE IS WESTERN-ORIENTED AND BASICALLY WELL DISPOSED TOWARD THE UNITED STATES. HIGHLY PROFESSIONAL, ARTICULATE AND INTELLIGENT, HE HAS MAINTAINED CORDIAL AND USUALLY PRODUCTIVE RELATIONS WITH US OFFICIALS. SINCE HIS APPOINTMENT AS FOREIGN SECRETARY, HE HAS APPEARED INTENT ON UNDERSCORING THE POSITIVE AND STRESSING THE HOPE FOR AN IMPROVEMENT IN INDO-US RELATIONS.

3. N. KRISHNAN, JOINT SECRETARY, UN, MEA: N. KRISHNAN, 57, HAS CONSIDERABLE UN EXPERIENCE. HE SERVED AS CONSUL  
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GENERAL AND PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE, GENEVA. HE HAS

REPRESENTED INDIA AT VARIOUS UN MEETINGS IN NEW YORK.

4. B.C. MISHRA, PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF INDIA, UN OFFICES, GENEVA: BRAJESH CHANDRA MISHRA, 47, HAS SERVED AS INDIA'S PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE TO THE UN OFFICES AT GENEVA SINCE 1973. HE HAS ALSO BEEN MINISTER/CHARGE D'AFFAIRES AT PEKING, AND FIRST SECRETARY, AT THE INDIAN MISSION AT THE UN. MISHRA COMES FROM A PROMINENT BRAHMIN FAMILY IN MADHYA PRADESH. HIS FATHER IS A RETIRED POLITICIAN WHO ONCE SERVED AS MADHYA PRADESH CHIEF MINISTER.

5. K. NATWAR SINGH, DEPUTY HIGH COMMISSIONER, LONDON: K. NATWAY SINGH, 44, THE YOUNGEST INCUMBENT TO HOLD THIS POST. HE IS CONSIDERED ONE OF THE MORE PROMISING CAREER DIPLOMATS IN THE INDIAN FOREIGN SERVICE. SINGH HAS PREVIOUSLY SERVED AS AMBASSADOR TO POLAND AND IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S SECRETARIAT.

6. DR. V.A.S. MUHAMMED: DR. MUHAMMED IS ONE OF THE MORE PROMINENT MUSLIM MEMBERS OF THE CONGRESS PARTY. HE WAS ELECTED TO THE RAJYA SABHA IN 1973 FROM KERALA, WHERE THE MUSLIM VOTE PLAYS AN IMPORTANT "SWING" ROLE IN ELECTIONS. DR. MUHAMMED IS A CONGRESS PARTY LOYALIST AND A LEADER OF THE MODERATE GROUP AMONG CONGRESS MP'S IN PARLIAMENT. HE IS FRIENDLY, SELF-EFFACING AND ARTICULATE. HE ROSE TO THE POSITION OF ADVOCATE GENERAL IN THE GOK AT THE AGE OF 42 AND WAS SENIOR ADVISOR TO THE INDIAN 1971 UNGA DELEGATION. MUHAMMED HAS BEEN DIRECTLY PARTICIPATING IN MRS. GANDHI'S DEFENSE SINCE HER CASE MOVED TO THE SUPREME COURT. HE HAS BEEN AN OPEN AND CANDID CONTACT FOR US DIPLOMATS IN NEW DELHI.

7. VITHAL N. GADGIL: GADGIL, 45, IS AN MP FROM MAHARASHTRA AND THE SON OF A FORMER UNION CABINET MINISTER. HE WAS AN IVP GRANTEE IN 1971-72. HE HAS PROVED A USEFUL CONTACT FOR U.S. DIPLOMATS IN BOMBAY AND DELHI. GADGIL, A BRAHMIN, LACKS A STRONG POLITICAL BASE IN MARATHA DOMINATED MAHARASHTRAN POLITICS. HE HAS, HOWEVER, BEEN AN EFFECTIVE CONGRESS PARTY WORKER AND HAS BEEN TWICE ELECTED TO THE CONFIDENTIAL

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CONGRESS PARLIAMENTARY PARTY EXECUTIVE BY HIS FELLOW CONGRESS MP'S. HE IS A GRADUATE OF THE LONDON SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS, A MEMBER OF THE BRITISH BAR AND A FORMER PROFESSOR OF ECONOMICS AND CONSTITUTIONAL LAW IN BOMBAY COLLEGES.

8. RAGHUNANDAN LAL BHATIA: RAGHUNANDAN LAL BHATIA, 55, IS A LAW GRADUATE FROM PUNJAB UNIVERSITY, LAHORE.

THOUGH A PROMINENT INDUSTRIALIST-BUSINESSMAN FROM AMRITSAR, PUNJAB, HE IS AN ACTIVE PARTICIPANT IN PRO-MOSCOW COMMUNIST FRONT ORGANIZATIONS. HE WAS A DELEGATE TO THE WORLD PEACE COUNCIL HELD IN MOSCOW IN 1962. BHATIA IS A POLITICAL ALLY OF DEFENSE MINISTER SWARAN SINGH.

9. REVEREND T.A. MATHIAS: DR. REVEREND T.A. MATHIAS, 56, IS A PROMINENT INDIAN EDUCATIONIST. A JESUIT, HE WAS EDUCATED AT MADRAS (M.A.) AND LOUVAIN, BELGIUM (PH.D.). HE HAS BEEN SUCCESSIVELY PRINCIPAL AND PROFESSOR OF PHYSICS AT LOYOLA COLLEGE, VIJAYAWADA (1954-62), AND ST. JOSEPH'S COLLEGE, TIRUCHIRAPALLI, TAMIL NADU (1962-66). SINCE 1966, HE HAS BEEN HONORARY GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE ALL-INDIA ASSOCIATION FOR CHRISTIAN HIGHER EDUCATION AND PRESIDENT OF THE JESUIT EDUCATION ASSOCIATION OF INDIA.

10. RISHANG KEISHING: KEISHING, 53, IS THE FINANCE MINISTER IN THE CONGRESS GOVERNMENT IN MANIPUR STATE. A TEACHER BY PROFESSION, HE WAS A SOCIALIST MEMBER OF THE LOK SABHA FROM 1952-57. SAXBE

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